The Honorable Michael K. Powell Chairman Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

I live in a rural area with no access to either cable broadband or DSL and it does not appear that they will be offered anytime soon. To the extent that the proposed merged company will be able to better provide this service I am eagerly awaiting it. The merger will be a great boon for consumers like myself who simply can't get this service from other companies.

Sincerely,

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